THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central element of the development strategy in the Seventh Plan is generation of productive employment. The employment policy and various programmes for generation of productive employment have been outlined in the Seventh Five Year Plan document, which include promotion of small scale industries, self-employment promotion, and special employment/beneficiary oriented programmes like NREP, RLEGP, etc. As regards payment of unemployment compensation to all the unemployed, the Central Government are not in favour of such payment as such a step would require very large financial resources which should better be utilised for generation of productive and enduring employment opportunities.

Verification of Membership of Central Trade Union Organisation

266. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to verify membership of the Central Trade Union Organisation since last verification made on 31st December, 1980; and

(b) if so, what was the membership of the Central Trade Union Organisation as on 31st June, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The last general verification of membership of Central Trade Union Organisations was conducted with 31-12-1980 as the date of reckoning and results were published on 30-8-1984. No verification of membership of Central Trade Union Organisations has been conducted with 30-6-1987 as the date of reckoning.

Mine Accidents

267. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mine accidents which occurred in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of workers killed and injured in these accidents;

(c) the amount of compensation paid by Government to the dependants of the victims of accidents;

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such accidents; and

(e) the number of cases in which safety rules were violated and details of penal action taken by Government in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The number of mine accidents which occurred in the country during the last three years and the number of workers killed and injured in these accidents is given below:

Year	Accidents		Numer	
	Fatal	Serious	Killed	Injured
1984	222	1632	251	1684
1985	243	1425	273	1492
1986	249	1558	300	1608

(c) Compensation is paid under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the State Governments and Union Territories. Information in this regard is not maintained.

(d) Provisions for safety, Health and welfare of workers employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder. These provisions are